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For: Method for Preparation of Microsphere)	Confirmation No.: 9248
and Apparatus Therefor)	

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Enclosed for the consideration of the Examiner in connection with the prosecution of this application is a copy of an Office Action issued in the corresponding Japanese patent application together with English counterparts of certain of the cited documents and a Form PTO/SB/08 listing five documents.

More specifically, Document 2 (JP 6-57005) corresponds to U.S. 5,705,196; Document 3 (JP 2-504362) corresponds to WO 89/00846; and Document 4 (WO 00/72955) corresponds to EP 1 180 062. WO 00/72955 contains an English abstract and corresponds to EP 1 180 062 containing English claims. Document 6 (JP 11-504655) corresponds to U.S. 5,962,566. Copies of the mentioned non-U.S. Patent documents are enclosed.

The above-mentioned documents were cited for the first time in any communication from a foreign patent office, and they were not cited more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

US 5,945,126, which is an English language equivalent of Document 1 (JP 2001-512461), was cited in the Information Disclosure Statement of June 20, 2005. Please note that the comment that U.S. 5,945,126 corresponds to JP 8-259460 in the Statement is not correct. The cited reference WO 96/22786 corresponds to JP 8-599460.

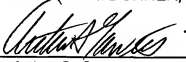
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